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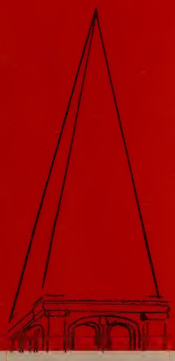

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CONSIDERING ALL THINGS

Mike Elliott

Lamplight!

Birthday Greetings

I hope every minister, teacher, and group leader in every Baptist church find it possible to purchase a copy of **Lamplight.**

This book, written by my cherished friend, Dr. Perry J. Stackhouse, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Chicago, and published by Fleming H. Revell, is a source of illustrative material unequalled in human interest. It is the result of many years of experience . . . one of those books one does not put aside until read from cover to cover. Dr. Stackhouse begins a monthly series with this issue under the title: LAMPLIGHT.

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Birthdays are usually happy events for young and old.

I celebrate two birthdays in March . . . my own, and the birthday of **The United States Baptist.** The third year of publication begins with this issue. I can only say that I am grateful to the members of the staff . . . and to thousands of friends throughout the nation, for the contribution each has made toward its success. I now leave it to President Elmer A. Fridell, of the Northern Baptist Convention, and President L. R. Scarborough, of the Southern Baptist Convention. Thanks to both of them for the following greetings:

"The Baptist witness is urgently needed today. This is true for a number of reasons but especially because of its traditional appeal to the common man and by reason of its emphasis on the worth of the individual. Peculiarly do these particular points need stress in an age characterized the world over by the upsurge of the underprivileged masses and by the onslaught of totalitarianism.

"But for some strange reason Baptists are sadly limiting their witness in an hour which calls for the word which they could speak. I refer to the use of the printed page in Kingdom strategy. Some religious groups in America are growing rapidly. In every such instance the use of the printed page is a noticeable factor in the program of expansion.

"When I was a lad I was influenced greatly by Baptist periodicals which came to our home. Every Baptist home in which there is concern for the Cause of Christ should receive and read a Baptist journal. Families which fail to expose themselves to denominational literature must not be surprised when the on-coming generation is illiterate from the Christian point of view.

"These thoughts are mine as I write to congratulate the **'United States Baptist'** on another anniversary. I hope that this ably edited magazine may find thousands of new friends in the year ahead."

Elmer A. Fridell,
Berkeley, California.

"Probably the greatest discovery, in its far-reaching influence, in the last thousand years was the printing press, and its greatest achievement has been in the line of distribution of religious literature — the Bible in the language of the people, religious papers, books, tracts and magazines. The printing press and the pen are mighty factors in carrying forward the gospel of goodwill, salvation for sinners and religious instruction to the saved. I think all who engage either in the production or the distribution of religious literature are rewarded four-fold in this world and in the world to come.

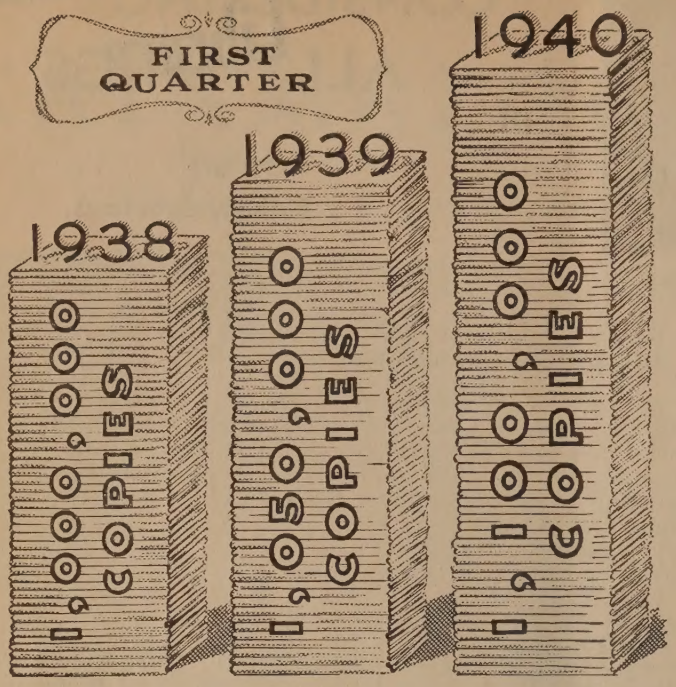
"I hail with congratulations **The United States Baptist** in its third year of publication. I congratulate Mike Elliott and those who have assisted him, and rejoice with them in their success.

"May God graciously put His power upon the religious press everywhere for the glory of God!"

L. R. Scarborough,
Seminary Hill, Texas.

And until next month in this same space.

Mike Elliott



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Futuregram

Conventions: Atlantic City and Baltimore Conventions will project more constructive work than any conventions meeting in twenty five years.

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Baptists are now fully aware that principles of a fundamental nature are at stake. They see in the Baptist message a just solution of the problems. The conventions will be characterized by unity of action and vigorous pronouncements on all important issues.

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Southern Baptists: Comprehensive, sympathetic program, for Negroes will be projected. This will include, education, health, and various social questions.

Two new movements will be launched for Convention churches ... rural church life, and setting up of a Department of Church Music.

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International Council: Northern Baptists will find less and less interest in the International Council of Religious Education. Emphasis on Leadership Training, publication of own text books for Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. work, and re-organization of educational life to conform to the Baptist genius ... in the making.

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Editors: Baptist editors of all conventions will probably be called within months to outline a program of unified action on national problems.

Roosevelt-Vatican deal, "play" by national press associations and metropolitan dailies of Catholic hierachy ... and continued scuttling of Baptist, and Protestant activities, will be basis of the meeting. Out of it will develop unified action by all Protestant groups.

Federal Council: The Council is in for more criticism ... continued branching out into activities not within its scope.

Latest proposal of the Council is some sort of national publicity service. Critics will say this will not meet requirements because it will not properly represent the Churches.

Council now has fourteen departments, or committees. Financial statement shows denominations and churches contributed $45,979.12 and individuals $119,605.19, in 1938. Critics say churches do not, and under present set-up, cannot control action of the Council.

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Convocations: In spite of pressure from women's groups, Northern Baptist Convocations will not be repeated next year.

Convocations will be held again in two years. Success of these meetings, which "took the Convention to the people", justifies repeat at intervals.

National Baptist Convention is "taking the Convention to the people" this Spring under leadership of President L. K. Williams.

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Low Income Groups: Many people are not attending church because of low incomes.

Problems of low income families threaten life of Baptists, and Protestant groups. Seriousness of this problem will force attention and result in organized effort to carry the message of the church to this group.

Continued evasion of this situation spells doom of Christian churches in America ... thus immediate and constructive attention must, and will be given.

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General Secretary, giving full time to the work of the Northern Baptist Convention, will probably be elected at the Atlantic City meeting.

Quiet search for suitable leader is underway. Work of the Convention demands a full time secretary, opinion says.

Since the death of Dr. Maurice Levy, the Recording Secretary, Dr. Clarence M. Gallup, has carried the additional burden.

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CHRISTIAN STRATEGY

By William A. Mueller
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OBEY YOUR MARCHING ORDERS!

Read: Matthew 28:18-20
Acts 1:8

The Church's marching orders are clear and irrevocable, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the age. Amen."

It is good to recall that Protestantism only slowly caught the Master's vision. The modern missionary movement began in a prayer circle at Herrnut, Germany. In 1727 humble Moravians experienced a spiritual renewal, and within 25 years they sent out more missionaries than all of Protestantism had sent out in the two previous centuries. William Carey, single-handed, aroused English Baptists in 1790-92 to realize their missionary obligation and obey Christ's marching orders. With him the modern Baptist missionary movement begins. God has done marvelous things these 125 years. Shall we now, grown rich and large and cultured, betray the faith of Carey, Rice and Judson? God forbid!

Ours is a ministry of teaching, preaching and healing. Jesus engaged in all of these, and we can do no less. The gospel is all inclusive, it is indeed the glad tidings for all races and nations, the healing for all our sins, all our hurts, and all our needs. If we refuse to share this gospel with a world in dire need this gospel will some day curse us in the judgment.

Why is it that so many of us stand idly in the market place? Why have you given so little to missions this past year? Why must our leaders be anxious for funds to support our world encircling missionary labors? Baptists, have a heart!

God is opening doors in a world full of chaos and distress. While our institutions, social, political, and relgious are beng judged in the fire of tribulation, God's arm is not shortened, His grace is still at work among men. Baptists, open your eyes and see what God is doing!

In America millions are restless, hungry, living in sin, yet open for God's love. Shall we pass them by? Refugees from many lands are knocking at our doors, all of them lonely, uprooted, desperately sick in body, soul, and spirit. Dare we leave them to a Christless fate? Millions of Jews are homeless, stranded in European refugee camps, or coming to our shores. Do you cry, "Away with them, for they take our jobs!" or is yours the compassion of Jesus Christ, the son of David? Shall we fail God's chosen people again? In India millions of outcasts are wistful, eager, yearning for liberty from age long bondage. Will we enter that door? In China's West a new empire is emerging, while 20 million Chinese are on treck to this new land of promise. These all need our doctors, already overworked, our nurses, our evangelists, our Christ. Shall we fail these and our missionaries who are sending one SOS after another that we might rise to our golden opportunity. God's people, Arise, cleanse yourself, pray as you never prayed before, give until it hurts, and obey your marching orders! Proclaim Christ, the crucified and risen Lord and Saviour, and revival at home and abroad is bound to burst forth like a mighty tidal wave.

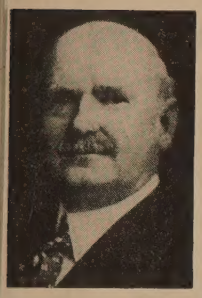
Baptists of America, arise and do the Lord's bidding!

"Woe is us if we preach not the gospel!"

I.S. Baptist Month . . . .

NORTHERN BAPTISTS

By C. M. GALLUP



THE Northern Baptist Convention is becoming more vocal and practical, and is effecting results which show that it is possible for it to trace effects much as the missionary societies map fields of labor and abulate their schools, hospitals, hurches, converts and receipts.

There is a field for the Convention as whole which cannot be covered by any ooperating, affiliated or associated or-anization. It is the field in which the mpact of the whole denomination needs o be felt, the consensus of opinion needs o be registered, the measures of ad-vance or reform need to be outlined. The specialized societies have organic unctions of their own. Each is im-portant, but cannot act for the whole body. All must act together, and then some. The total denominational over-sight, insight and foresight which con-stitute the denominational personality have a task no single organ can encom-pass.

Intriguing the Interest Men

The tasks of the **whole** denomination often intrigue that unattached clientele which is impassive and inarticulate on such matters as our century-old programs for missions and evangelism. This vast number of uncooperative Baptists becomes intensely aroused when matters pertaining to the whole human race in general or to the everyday existence of the common man are brought to the front. The Northern Baptists once spoke through one or more of their corporate agencies; now they can speak in their own right, irrespective of specialized restriction. This fact has been amply demonstrated of late.

Northern Baptists have been foremost in the protests against the liason of President Roosevelt with the Roman Vatican; the greatest journals in the land, both secular and religious, have been tingling with the story of the efforts of our Committee on Public Relations.

Northern Baptists had a leading part in bringing to pass the reopening of Baptist churches in Roumania, quite recently assured.

Northern Baptists, under the leadership of Dr. J. H. Franklin, recently met Southern Baptists and National Baptists in beginning a virile program for better adjustment of relations between whites and negroes in both north and south, in matters of education, religion and social understanding, especially in those respects in which the problem is different in the north from that in the south. This conference was held in the fine edifice in Richmond, Va., of which Dr. Theodore Adams, brother of our Director of Promotion, Dr. Earl Adams, is the popular pastor. (He went there from the North!) This subject is to receive large and important consideration at the Atlantic City Convention.

The Social Service Committee has tackled the question of Baptist Conscientious Objectors to Military Service, by way of assisting the Convention Committee studying that matter. Just how far this line of activity should proceed is an open question as yet; but at any rate it can be said that by virtue of its constant and diversified activity and larger financial subsidy, the Social Service Committee can do this work energetically, if its sponsoring committee so directs.

By the foregoing strictly Convention agencies, and others, the work of the Convention as a complete corporate entity is being carried forward, publicized and made tangible.

The Denominational Functions

Perhaps one of the most important tasks in the near future for the denomination to undertake, or appoint a commission to undertake, is of accurately measuring the function of each of its cooperating and affiliating agencies. There is always the tendency for one or two organs to think its or their functions the most important. As in the human body, all the organs are important, but each has a limit to its importance, which may be measured approximately. That limit is prescribed by the ratio of its fuction to that of the whole body. So with our agencies. It is a mistake to suppose that one interest absorbs most of the attention or desire of the denomination; or, if it did, that it should remain so. Only group selfishness could move one functioning organization to demand more than its share of denominational income; but "its share" cannot be regulated until its scope of proper function is measured. Here is something for budget allocation makers to contemplate. Some body-organs become distended or too large. "Aye, there's the rub"! (Money!)

A Touch of Spring!

There's a touch of spring in the air. (Written in March.) A greater sense of well-being is felt. Our 100 "Convocations" acted like an electric battery to jaded nerves in as many communities and in a thousand churches. The Easter edition of "The Secret Place" may top 100,000 copies, which ought to mean that three times that number of persons are thinking the same things about God, his Kingdom and his church on the same morning each day. Dr. Harold Husted and his colleagues and the Publication Society seem to have gotten their stride in this. And let us not forget Mrs. LeGrand, who started this project. Rumor has it that the program for the Atlantic City Convention will be one of our best and, in some ways, "different". And last, the American Baptist Year Book was "released" March 1st!! Thus the actinic light and heat are being felt. It is time to take the overcoat off. Let us ascribe this glow to the great Universal Source.

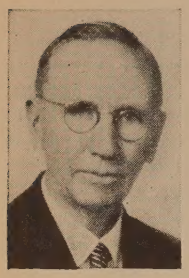
Uncanonized Saints

The kingdom of God is not a theory, a rubric nor a table of statistics. It is men and women. One of our noblest servants, both of God and the Convention, Mr. Orrin R. Judd, has been confined to his bed for six weeks. He was released on Lincoln's birthday, and declares it is a "Great Emancipation." Mrs. Judd, one of the "elect women" among the Baptists, has closely cared for her husband in his "rest cure". They both, "in labors abundant", seven days a week, often till midnight, have found for themselves the need to "come ye apart yourselves and rest awhile", and have reminded all of us of their priceless value to our counsels and our work.

U. S. Baptist Month

SOUTHERN

By WALTER M. GILMORE



"What will the Southern Baptist Convention do about the invitation to join the World Council, extended a year ago, when it meets in Baltimore, June 12-16?" "What paramount issues will come before the Convention this year?" "Who will be the next president of the Convention and where and when will it meet in 1941?" Many would like to know the answer to these and many other questions in connection with the forthcoming Convention.

The special committee, of which Dr. George W. Truett, Dallas, is chairman, appointed by the last Convention to consider the invitation to join the World Council of Churches is scheduled to meet in Nashville, April 9 to formulate its report to the Convention. So until then it is not safe to make a definite forecast. However, it is a well known fact that hitherto Southern Baptists have been slow to enter "entangling alliances", and there has been no particular evidence of any change of heart in this respect. It is safe to predict that in the event the committee does not recommend accepting the invitation, good and sufficient reasons will be set forth for not doing so.

A United Front

At present, no questions of a divisive nature appear on the horizon. Within the present generation perhaps, Southern Baptists have never been more united nor shown a finer spirit of cooperation than now. The various agencies of the Convention will report substantial progress. There have been consistent gains in receipts for the various objects fostered by the Convention month by month over the same period a year ago. But you can never tell what is going to happen in a Baptist meeting.

According to the tentative program, Evangelism, which has received special emphasis during the past two years, will still receive major consideration along with the Co-operative Program, the Hundred Thousand Club, Stewardship, Missions and Christian Education.

Who Will Be Our Next President?

Of course Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Seminary Hill, Texas, will preside over the Baltimore session of the Convention, having been re-elected president at the last Convention to preside over this session. However, this will be his second term. No question has yet been raised, so far as the writer knows, about a "third term." Dr. Scarborough has made an exceptionally fine president and his continuance in this office doubtless would be entirely satisfactory; but in the light of a resolution passed at the Convention in Richmond, Virginia, when he was first elected two years ago a question might be raised, to say the least. The resolution in part was as follows: **"Whereas,** the custom in this body during recent years has been to elect its presidents three years in succession. . . **Resolved,** that hereafter two years in the presidential chair shall be considered the usual term of service." Of course the word **"usual"** might furnish a possible loop hole.

In the event Dr. Scarborough is not in the "running", then the problem will be to select the best man available from the scores of those that are adequately qualified. Will he be a preacher or layman? So far as the records go, for the first thirty-two sessions of the Convention only preachers were elected. Then for twenty-two sessions in succession only laymen were elected. For the past thirty years only preachers have served. There is no dearth of material now among preachers or laymen from which to select a good president.

Where and When

Now as to where and when the 1941 session will be held that is another question. Nashville would be the most logical place if it had an adequate auditorium, since it is the home of the Sunday School Board, which will celebrate its semi-centennial anniversary next year. At Birmingham in 1891 the Sunday School Board was launched, and that would be another natural place for it to meet. Memphis is always with us. By reason of her being the geographical center of the Convention territory and since the Convention has met in the extreme limits of the territory for the past three years — Richmond, Oklahoma City, Baltimore—Memphis will have a strong pull. It remains to be seen how well the change of time of the Convention from the middle of May to the middle of June will work.

To avoid conflict with the first session of the Convention, which meets Wednesday morning, 9:30, the W. M. U., Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will hold its opening session Sunday afternoon in the Fifth Regiment Armory where all sessions of both Convention will be held, and close with the Tuesday evening session. The Baptist Brotherhood of the South, the Southwide Pastors' Conference and many other groups will hold pre-convention meetings on Tuesday.

DEATHS

Again we record the passing of a large number of our brethren in the ministry. Their lives were given in His service until they answered the "great roll call" and listened to the words, "Come ye blessed of my Father." Among those called were: Rev. J. Monroe Carter, 80, Salem, Ind. . . Rev. C. P. Collett, Reading, Mich., pastor of the First church, Reading, and at one time missionary in Bengal-Orissa. . . Mrs. A. C. Lathrop, Emmett, Idaho, who with her husband, Rev. A. C. Lathrop, served churches for more than 40 years. . . Rev. Thomas J. Hopkins, 68, pastor of the Prospect Park church, Pa. . . Dr. David A. Solly, 67, pastor for fifteen years of the First church, Passaic, N. J. . . Rev. C. W. Haines, 72, for 14 years pastor at Cape May Court House, N. J. . . Rev. Oluf Breding, Powers Lake, N. D., eight years president of the Norwegian Baptist Conference and an officer of the Norwegian Baptist Seminary, Chicago.

Also Dr. Joseph Allen Lyter, 75, Dayton, O., associate editor of Sunday School literature for the United Brethren Church. . . Dr. Mark A. Matthews, 72, Seattle, Wash., 38 years pastor of the largest Presbyterian church in the world, with a membership of 8,500. . . Dr. Roper, late Bishop of Ottawa in the Anglican Church. . . Dr. James W. Putnam, indianapolis, for 30 years connected with Butler University as professor, dean and vice-president. . . Rev. J. Harry Miller, principal of St. Mary's College, St. Andrews, Scotland. . . Dr. Paul de Schweinitz, 77, Bethlehem, Pa., Bishop of the Moravian Church and direct descendant of Count von Zinzendorf. . . . Bishop Paulin Ladeuze, rector of the University of Louvain, Belgium.

Also Mrs. Smith, 98, San Diego, Calif., sainted mother of Dr. John Bunyan Smith. . . Dr. Benjamin F. Sledd, for fifty years a teacher in Wake Forest College, N. C. . . . Dr. Augustine S. Carman, 80, San Diego, Calif., servant

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WILL THE RELIGIOUS ISSUE AFFECT THE 1940 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION?

By MIKE ELLIOTT

The answer to the above question is an emphatic YES unless the recent Un-American appointment of an "ambassador" to the Vatican is cancelled.

This statement is based upon reports coming to **The United States Baptist** from every state in the union. The issue has been forced upon Baptists, and they are assured of the support of every other religious group dedicated to the American principle of the separation of church and state.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt injected the religious issue into the campaign when he appointed a "stuffed shirt" diplomat to the Vatican. The president has refused to admit his fundamental error. When the smoke screen had disappeared it was clearly seen that the move was a political one. It will prove to be about the biggest boomerang any party has faced since 1928.

Baptists are Baptists before they are Republicans or Democrats. Baptists have been silent until silence is no longer possible. They must now resort to action . . . rather distasteful . . . action which will guarantee the future adherence on the part of Washington to principles which brought this nation into existence . . . and which are more precious than party, or any individual.

Any candidate for president who refuses to recognize the resentment and determination of protesting groups, will face defeat. This is an issue which cannot be ignored, or laughed off. The people of this country are opposed fundamentally to Vatican representation. They will not be "slapped in the face." This is still the United States of America.

The American people have a way of "putting Washington in its place" when that becomes necessary. The time has again come for that to be done. Smoke screens will not hide the issue. Action of leaders to capture votes will not avail this time. Tolerance is not the issue. The issue is the Constitution of the United States . . . which guarantees that no religious group shall be favored over any other religious group.

Quietly, but effectively, the necessary organization for this protest is underway.

The Northern, Southern, and National Baptist Conventions, will protest publicly in Conventions this summer. From the Conventions men and women will go back to the states to rally the solid vote of American Baptists. The Democratic South is Baptist. But Southern Baptists are Baptists before they are Democrats. Northern Baptists will scuttle party lines. Negro Baptists will present a solid front, combining with the religious issue the unjust and damnable treatment given them by those who traffic in human rights. And Baptists will not be deserted by their brethren of other denominations.

If our Catholic friends are the loyal Americans they claim to be they will join Protestants in this fight for fundamental Americanism. Let them speak out on this issue . . . their support will be welcomed.

The injection of the religious issue promises to be a blessing in disguise. It will make it possible for the people to put an end to practices that have brought dishonor to the nation. It will help end the rule of "prize ring bouncers" . . . put a stop to horse trading tactics for votes . . . squelch the power of political leeches who traffic in the lives of men out of jobs . . . make it easier to banish a group which has led this nation into a moral toboggan that is a stench in the nostrils of God.

The "Night Club" gang, Democratic and Republican, is on the way out. This country is going back to fundamental honesty, sobriety, and justice.

We have come to the cross roads . . . and if necessary the parting of the ways. We can go down the road together . . . but not at the price of principles which the founders of this nation gave us through sweat, blood and death. We may be betrayed, laughed at, scorned, ignored, but as sure as God lives we will rise to our duty. Our banner has never trailed the dust . . . it never will. We want unity, brotherhood, fraternal good will . . . but we want it based on the true spirit of Christ . . . and the acceptance by all of eternal principles.

Again we say — the religious issue will affect the 1940 presidential election. It is not of our making. It has been forced upon us, and to the last man and woman we will exert our energies against Democrat, or Republican who ignores it. The safety of this nation is not in the hands of the politicians. It is in the hands of the people . . . who step into the ballot box and express their convictions in the good, old American way.

If the Press has the sense of news value it claims to have it will not over look this issue. If it has any sense of fairness it will prove it by henceforth giving to Protestants an equal amount of space to present the glory of accomplishment, and work well done . . . and the protesting argument on the Vatican appointment. The Press of this nation has its freedom in the principles set forth in this editorial. We warn it to open its eyes . . . keep on talking the freedom of the Press . . . and then practice it, especially in the religious field.

WE NEED THE KINGDOM APPROACH OF JESUS

This Is The Precise Hour In Human History For Baptists To Act

New Methods and New Life Essential If Our Task Is to Be Successful

By D. R. SHARPE
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A BRIEF appraisal of the vital needs of our denomination will take for granted the encouraging aspects of our program. So, if within the limits of this article the emphasis seems to lie wholly on one side, it is not that we are unmindful of the other. Progress is being made. But to say this is not to suppose that our progress is commensurate either with our great resources or the tragic need. What, then, must we do to lift our denomination above mediocrity and make it a compelling, crusading Kingdom force?

Negatively, we do not require a new form of organization nor is our need primarily financial. Certainly there is room for organizational simplification and improvement, and for a decided increase of gifts to our unified budget. Again, our problem is not basically theological. In the Baptist fellowship there is room for all. The very genius of our life lies in the freedom of the individual to think for himself, to approach God directly, to formulate his theological convictions on the basis of his own experience of God. Our fellowship stems not from uniformity of belief but from unity in goals. Our unity recognizes diversity of gifts and beliefs. This is the very core of the democratic principle. Furthermore our lack is not that of good preaching. Admitting the need for vast improvement in quality preaching, we, nevertheless, have the best preaching, by and large, that our denomination has ever had. This is particularly true of our younger college and seminary trained men. Our problem lies deeper than organization, finance, theology or apologetics.

Need a New Approach

We need a new approach to our whole problem. This new approach we shall call the **Kingdom approach of Jesus** as opposed to our present day denominational approach. Today we make our program and determine our method with a view to saving our denomination, securing additional finances, preserving societies, perpetuating old and oftentimes outworn traditions. Most of these values must not be neglected but our mistake is in elevating these secondary things to a place of primary importance. No longer will our people rally to the support of a denomination, a budget, a society, or a tradition as such. These loyalties are insufficient, for the moment at any rate, to challenge the devotion of all our people; and precisely for the reason that whenever they have responded to these appeals in recent years nothing very much has happened. Our people want a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. They want the waste places reclaimed and all life redeemed. They demand that the Gospel be made effective in ever widening areas. We are emerging from the era of individualism. The principle of coordination, cooperation and solidarity is being applied more and more and is gaining remarkable hold on the spirits of men. The church to some extent is applying that principle in its organization, but its message is still chiefly on the basis of individualism. We must approach our task not with the view to building a human institution but of establishing in the earth the Kingdom of God; not with the idea of getting more money but of saving lost humanity.

We have been making our programs and attempting a settlement of our problems in terms of the **minimum.** The New Testament is written in terms of the **maximum.** "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." It was His only begotten Son, not a messenger boy, whom He sent into the world. We so love lost humanity that we quibble over theologies and give four cents per week for the evangelizing of the world.

Jesus and The Kingdom Ideal

Jesus was primarily interested in the Kingdom of God. It was for this Kingdom that Jesus came to earth, for it He lived, labored, suffered and died and for its final consummation promised to return again.

DR. SHARPE

Whatever more one may put into a definition of the Kingdom of God, one can put nothing less than this; that order of human society in which the will of God is done on earth as in heaven. At the heart of the Kingdom idea and giving it its value is the teaching of Jesus on the sacred and supreme worth of human personality. **Problems** concern us—**persons** concern Him. He believes that an individual life outweighs in value all else, that one man—any man is more valuable than an empire. All this seems foolish in the light of the current philosophies. Today the great words are mass, race, clan, regimentation, totalitarianism.

Everything that supports a finer, stronger, lovelier life Jesus is for and everything that injures life He is against. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his Lord. Citizens of the Kingdom must support every agency and influence for good and stand against those that seek to injure or destroy life. A social system that will enable each individual to realize his highest and fullest life and make wealth minister to all human needs, must be established.

The Pentecostal Flame Needed

We need the fire of a new Pentecostalism to sweep away the cobwebs of our confused thinking and lift us to the level of those early Christians, where once again we will absolutely believe in Jesus Christ and give ourselves to the establishment of His Kingdom. We cannot believe in Christ without accepting His

ogram for humanity. Who will say at the program of our denomination is hrist's program for humanity?

lew Methods Are Needed

Once we really make the Kingdom of od the goal of all Christian effort, we ill see the futility of much of our pres- nt work and at the same time set our- elves definitely to the task of devising ethods relevant to the life of today. hese new methods and plans should ot be made by the few, but enriched y the best thought of the many. Our entral organization must be enlarged to mbrace the fellowship of Northern Baptists. Only when our plans are ormulated by the rank and file, rather han by the **elect,** will we have a richer, roader, more Christian program.

At present there is a leveling down rocess at work in Protestantism and in ur denomination. Each is trying to onvert the other to his way of thinking when all should seek to **know** and **do** he will of God. We strive not for the nique personality but the uniform. Our rogram of action is accordingly diluted until it is neither cold nor hot. No great ause was ever won on cautious under- statements, glistening generalities and moral platitudes. We are afraid of the searching principles and hard require- ments of Jesus Christ. "Except a man deny himself and take up **his cross** he cannot be my disciple." "Leave all and follow me." "Whosoever will be first let him be servant." etc.

Infuse New Blood

There is a wealth of unused spiritual leadership in our denomination which should be enlisted in support of a far visioned denominational program. We think there are only a few who are com- petent to represent the denomination. We copy the past forgetful of the fact that our forefathers performed miracles because they copied no one. Many of the real issues that confront organized Christianity today are avoided. We speak of the darkness without shedding much new light. We are afraid—afraid of upsetting things, of getting things out of joint—and our fears have frozen our freedom. We are ruled by fear and not by faith. Contrast all this with the courage, the spiritual audacity, the ad- venturous faith and the progressive crea- tive leadership of Jesus. "Ye have heard how it hath been said of old—, but I say—". The old had lost its meaning not because it was old but because it was irrelevant. The new word of Jesus had saving power not because it was new but because it was both new and true. It was relevant.

A New Baptist Fellowship

Denominational leaders today seem in- capable of discovering the vast potential leadership of our denomination. We are equally unable to use many of the ablest minds and most courageous spirits. It is not strange, therefore, that many have found their sphere of influence for their extra church activities beyond the bor- ders of their own household of faith. Our life will continue to be mediocre until we have enough common sense and enough grace to summon the best minds and ablest leaders, particularly from among the younger men and women, and set them to the task of making a pro- gram, preparing literature and promot- ing the whole cause.

A large group of our noblest spirits who have been called of God to proclaim His truth and Build His Kingdom will not wait longer to be called into action by denominational secretaries. They are determined to live to the full and do a day's work for God before the shadows fall. They have a sense of mission be- yond their own local church or area and they are finding ample scope for their abundant labors outside the denomina- tion. This results in a twofold loss. It robs our denomination of its best minds and the churches which they represent lose interest in our denomination, for sooner or later churches have a way of getting interested in the same causes which claim the interest of their pastor. Baptists must stop this loss.

A General Secretary Needed

We propose one radical change in or- ganizational setup. Let the General Council recommend to the Northern Baptist Convention at Atlantic City the appointment of a full time General Secre- tary as successor to Dr. Maurice Levy of beloved memory. The appointment of an outstanding man to this position would give the denomination a Christian leader who could coordinate our activ- ities, unite our fellowship, discover and harness our latent resources, build a comprehensive and compelling program and give us a new sense of direction. We need a commanding personality to lead us and **now** is the time to select him.

Return To Democracy

Again we are mixing a highly central- ized form of church government operat- ing at the center, with a democratic form operating elsewhere and the result is confusion, chaos, and loss of spiritual power. We want the fruits of a demo- cratic organization, without pursuing the methods of democracy. Faith in de- mocracy is dying. Its principles and methods are not breaking down. It is our indifference to democracy and our failure to employ the methods of de- mocracy that weakens us. It is living up to our own teaching and principles which really counts in this desperate struggle for the preservation of free institutions and of religion itself.

This raises a fundamental issue—can a Christian pastor or worker stay within the denomination and express his Chris- tian leadership within its framework, or must one go outside as many already have done? There is a growing con- viction on the part of most Christian leaders that now, if ever, Protestantism must make its most determined fight for righteousness. Many believe it cannot be done within the framework of denom- inational groupings as at present con- stituted. Sober-minded Christians are asking today, why should one support a denomination, a society, a budget or even a local church? So long as the institutions are more interested in the institutions than in the Kingdom they must expect a decline in support.

Protestant Cooperation

A new measure of interdenominational cooperation is needed. The task con- fronting the Christian church today is so gigantic that it cannot be overtaken by any one denomination, nor yet by all of them working separately. A condition has arisen in the world in which the crisis confronting religion is not by what church or in what way God shall be worshipped, but whether the worship of Him is to be continued at all. Pagan philosophies and ideologies are at work which would subvert organized religion entirely. As a result in Russia, with 180 millions of people, there is no or- ganized religious effort—only organized atheism and godlessness. When hostile evil forces unite to invade, defending forces must unite to repel. Protestantism must provide a united program in the direction of creative action in defense of religion.

The Situation Is Critical

Let no one think there is any cheap and comfortable way out. It is a situa- tion which cannot be resolved either by ignoring it or running away from it. How then can it be resolved? The fact is that it cannot be resolved as long as we make the pretensions of a great religious organization and at the same time conduct ourselves as if we were but a feeble affair. It cannot be resolved until we realize that this is the precise hour in human history for Baptists to launch out into the deep and strike boldly at the citadels of sin. Once more we need the fearless faith, the dauntless courage of the pathfinder and the cru- sader. "Oh heart of Christ we follow thee or die."

A New Evangelism

We need a new evangelism. The Gospel of Christ is one and immutable. The comprehension of it in history has been of infinite variety. No individual, no church, no age has ever compre-

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"The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipper shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him."

—JESUS

IDEOLOGIES WORTH FIGHTING FOR

By STANLEY IRVING STUBER

Both Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions will meet during the next two months. For the first time in many years the great principles for which we stand as Baptists will make our objectives exactly the same. Little differences will be pushed to the side; great issues will unite us. Together, this year, we will fight for ideologies which mean life to our religious faith and liberty to our federal government.

The first great principle which we shall certainly support is the priesthood of all believers. We accept the principle that every man has a soul and that the soul of man has direct access to the throne of God. No intermediary is necessary. Through prayer every person becomes his own priest. Through worship every Christian can enter all alone, or in company with other seekers, the sanctuary of the Divine. Here he may praise his Maker. Or he may seek and find forgiveness. It is this direct relationship to God, through the Holy Spirit, that gives constant joy and hope. As New Testament Christians we simply cannot permit any pope, priest, president or dictator to act for us as God's sole representative. We all have equal rights before God; we all have received the same invitation.

1. Priesthood of Believers

The second great principle which all Baptists will want to support this year is that of separation of church and state. The Taylor-Vatican issue simply compels us to take action. Like all good American citizens we cannot remain silent while our government—Constitution of the United States —joins hands exclusively with the Roma Catholic Church through Pope Pius XII the Vatican. In fac we do not want o government to ha official relationships with any religious e tablishment. For this reason we have wri ten U. S. Senator Josiah W. Bailey, a Ba tist and an active member of our joint Publ Relations Committee, requesting him to as on the floor of Congress, for the immedia recall of Mr. Taylor. This is a serious n tional issue. No Baptist state or nation convention should adjourn before makin this same request publicly and officiall This is our fight and we must not cease o opposition until this illegal relationship the Vatican is severed. And let us keep th issue clear: we are not fighting the Feder Council of Churches; we are fighting fo more toleration, more liberty, more justic What we want, and must maintain in thi nation, is religious freedom. Are you read to fight for that? Can you be a peace-make at the same time?

2. Separation of Church and State

Perhaps the basic principles for which w must unite our forces concerns the rights o the individual conscience. A man has a righ to believe in God as well a in Caesar—if he can, at on and the same time. If h cannot conscientiously follow the ways o Caesar, as a Christian, he must be given th right of conscientious objection. He ma object to the morality of Caesar. Or he ma object to Caesar's economics or his race re lations. Perhaps he may even object t

3. The Right of Conscience

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"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

—JAMES

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esar's religion, or lack of religion! In democracy he should be given, without estion or punishment, such rights of conence. In time of war the situation is diffent—then the conscientious objector will ve to take the consequences "for the duran." But the point is this: Baptists believe at every man has the right to be guided his own conscience and when any man ts upon that basis our denomination, and r churches, should organize to protect his ghts. Let us not fail our members who still ve left a few convictions.

Independence of Local Church

Unlike many other denominations, Bapts accept the principle that each local urch is an entity unto itself; that no per-n, power or organization has control over, authority superior to, a local church. We do not believe in centralized control either from Washington, ome or New York City. We are true demrats. Simplicity, equality, democracy are l built into our church polity. Our indendence, however, does not keep us from acticing the spirit of Christian cooperaon. We have our city ministers' meetings, ssociations, State Conventions, missionary cieties, National Conventions and Baptist Vorld Alliance. And as members of the ingdom of God, although being independt, we belong (North) to the Federal Coun-l of the Churches of Christ in America and ok forward eagerly to the development of e World Council of Churches. Our testiony is greatly needed today in every ecuenical council.

As Baptists review their history they are proud of the fact that they have always championed freedom. On the Continent, in England and in America, Baptists have always fought for religious and civic liberties. Roger Williams is the shining example. We helped write the four great freedoms in our Constitution: (1) Freedom of Religious Worship, (2) a Free Press, (3) Freedom of Assembly and, (4) the Freedom of Speech. Our fathers fought to establish these principles of freedom. Shall we modern Baptists sit idly by while, one by one, they are compromised, denied or abrogated? Not if we are still Baptists!

Four Great Freedoms

No Baptist conference or convention, North or South, should fail to register publicly this year its stand on these fundamentals of our faith. A good place to begin is with strong opposition to the appointment of Mr. Myron C. Taylor as "temporary" Ambassador to the Vatican. This appointment is illegal, contrary to our U. S. Constitution, and is causing not peace but strife. So, as our first objective in our peace campaign, let us demand and realize the recall of Mr. Taylor.

Baptists are now strong in numbers; they can also be strong in spirit. Baptists believe in regenerated church-members; they also believe in good works. Faith and Christian action are a powerful combination. Now is the time to act our faith! As New Testament Christians let us reclaim the fundamentals of true religion and then fight for them.

Digest Month

By WILLIAM PARK

The Councils of German Evangelical churches have ordered all Protestant churches in Germany to remain open from eight a. m. to sundown every day, "in order that the church people may join in silent prayer." The Lord's Supper is observed each evening just before closing the church.

Rev. W. Blair Roberts, Protestant Episcopal bishop of South Dakota, who has worked among the Indians for 30 years, reports that 11,000 of the 25,000 Sioux Indians are members of the Protestant Episcopal churches and that they give more in proportion to their means than any group he knows.

The position of pacifist ministers is constantly growing more difficult but two great churches in Canada have given expression of their loyalty and support. One of these is Dr. Mack Ormond, president of the Toronto conference and the other is Mr. R. Edis Fairbairn, who has been a leader among those in Canada who oppose war.

The Fundamentalists of the Northern Convention will hold their pre-convention meetings in St. Paul's Methodist church, Atlantic City, May 19 and 20.

Dr. Mark A. Dawber of the Home Missions Council, speaking in Minneapolis, gave it as his opinion "that in the decline of rural religion sectarianism is the most responsible factor." He said, "Christianity is a religion of love and unless this can be demonstrated by the churches as institutions, they are paralyzed to preach love. . . . The future of society from the point of view of a Christian civilization is still a matter of what we can do to vitalize rural life and rural religion."

The Chicago Church Federation has unanimously reelected Dr. Ralph Wakefield as president. Plans are taking definite shape for the 1940-1941 National Preaching Mission.

Strange as it may seem, it is reported that in the most orthodox and evangelistic section of our country, the south, there are more than 24,000,000 people not affiliated with any church. Southern Baptists are engaged in a great evangelistic crusade to change this situation. Presbyterians and Methodists are joining in similar campaigns.

Under the presidency of Dr. James O. Buswell, Jr., the student body of Wheaton College has more than doubled since 1926. He is esteemed as a great Christian leader, nevertheless, Mr. Herman A. Fischer, chairman of the Board of Trustees, has announced, that because of "certain difficulties in administrative cooperation, which in the Board's opinion, necessitates a change in the presidency," he has been relieved of his position. The Board has appointed Dr. V. R. Edman, head of the department of History and Social Science, as acting president.

A law in Mississippi prohibiting bequests to churches and church affiliated organizations is to be repealed by vote of the people. The Legislature has ratified the change in the Constitution and now people may leave their money to churches or religious institutions.

A most remarkable growth in membership has been experienced by the First Baptist church of San Antonio, Texas, where Dr. Perry F. Webb is pastor. During the three years of his pastorate 2,094 new members have been received, 711 by baptism. The total membership is 5,755. The Sunday school numbers 3,424; the B. T. U. 655 young people; the W. M. U. 575, and $303,000 has been contributed in these three years.

"Sermons in Brief" is a new publication which has just appeared. Rev. Herbert D. Rugg, formerly editorial secretary of the National Boards of the Congregational and Christian churches, is the editor of this new magazine published by Religious Associates, Inc., New York City.

The Western Graphic, published by the Colorado Woman's College, Denver, makes the claim as being "the best illustrated college newspaper in America." Not only is it "the best illustrated" but the illustrations are most attractive. This college is a Baptist institution and serves a great constituency in the midwestern states.

Colorado Baptists will engage in a great state-wide co-operative, simultaneous Baptist Revival this spring. Practically every church in the state will hold special meetings is the announcement of state secretary, Rev. William A. Phillips.

The Negro colleges in the South have been holding special religious services, including many weeks of prayer. Reports are very encouraging as reported in Southern Baptist Home Missions. Hundreds of students have made professions of faith and in some schools every student signed dedication cards.

Dr. J. C. Robbins, foreign secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society with administrative responsibility for the work in Burma and India since 1916, has offered his resignation to the Board of Managers of the Society, effective April 30th, having passed the retirement age. Dr. and Mrs. Robbins served as missionaries at Capiz, Philippines, for eight years and he also served as candidate secretary for the Student Volunteer Movement.

When Mrs. Anne Sowell Margrett of Texas sailed for Argentina a few days ago she represented the third generation in missionary work in South America. Her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bagby were the first missionaries to go into the southern continent, sailing more than sixty years ago. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney M. Sowell were the first missionaries in Argentina. Now she goes to be the head of the Bible Training School at Rosario, Argentina.

The Southern Baptist Editors meeting in New Orleans made plans for enlarging and promoting all the religious papers of Southern Baptists. Their goal is one million readers. Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southern Convention, was the principal speaker. In his address he urged the editors to adopt an aggressive program and then "demand the right in associations, conventions and churches to sell this program in all the churches of our dear denomination." He also advocated denominationally owned headquarters.

The good Samaritan act was committed by a Roman Catholic, the local sheriff at Refugio, Texas, the other day. When Rev. L. S. Cole, of Refugio, suffered the loss of his car in an accident, this Catholic sheriff collected the money for a new de luxe sedan without permitting any Baptist to contribute. In the past four years Pastor Cole welcomed 457 new members, about 200 of them being by baptism.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has formed a committee of bishops to consider "the moral temptations to which troops are exposed". He is promoting a plan for "carefully selected women" to visit the camps to give talks on religion.

The offices of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in New York have been moved to 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dr. Jeremy Trask, Shanghai, reporting in the Christian Century says that "it is growing more and more evident in China that the leaders of the several churches are pretty well convinced that the best progress is being made along denominational lines, and that organic union is apt to sacrifice efficiency and energetic evangelism. They find in union movements too much tendency to come down to the lowest common denominator."

An indication of the upward movement in church matters is found in the report of the National Council of the Episcopal Church as given by vice-president Dr. Charles W. Sheerin, and treasurer, Lewis B. Franklin. The diocesan returns for 1939 were 100.3 per cent of what had been promised.

"Religion in Personal Living", with such topics as "Christ in a Non-Christian World," "Our Purpose in Life," "Religion and Mental Health," claimed the attention of faculty and student-body of each of the great institutions in Pittsburgh, Pa., in a recent religious emphasis week. Dr. Harry Cotton of Columbus, Ohio, and Dr. Louis L. Mann of Chicago were the outside speakers, working with thirty ministers of Pittsburgh and a number of professors.

We like to call attention to long pastorates or terms of service. Among those reported during the past month are: Dr. John Compton Ball, 37 years as pastor of the Metropolitan Church, Washington, D. C., and now in his 77th year, who last year welcomed 305 new mem-

's. . . Dr. Joshua Gravett, who has n pastor of the Galilee church, Den-, Colo., for 49 years. . . Rev. H. H. ell, D.D., pastor of the First Baptist urch, Bainbridge, Ga., for 25 years. . . . George Merriam, who has just re-ned after 35 years with the Bethany urch, Skowhegan, Maine. . . Dr. Rob-T. Craig, 25 years service in the Sum-t Avenue Church, Jersey City, N. J.

As a part of the southwide evangelistic isade Secretary D. A. McCall of Mis-sippi has arranged for ten conferences his state featuring Dr. Roland Q. avell and Dr. J. E. Dillard as leading eakers.

The question of ordaining men to the spel ministry is receiving considerable tention in Georgia as recent issues of e Christian Index reveal. Editorials d articles call for an educated ministry d a serious consideration by the urches before ordaining men when ere are hundreds of ordained men oking for churches.

The annual Inter-Seminary Confer-ce of the Southern Convention was ld this year at the Baptist Bible Insti-te, New Orleans. The speakers in-uded Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Dr. W. . Conner and Dr. W. L. Howse.

PARABLE

By CHARLES F. BANNING

Now it came to ass that a major rophet known om Dan to Beer-heba did proph-cy in the great ty and much eople did gather n the synagogue f the gentiles to ear him. Now all ne scribes and harisees and eachers and doctors of the law were here and they were greatly impressed. Behold what wisdom—it is too great or us, we cannot attain unto it."

Now a Sabbath day's journey from hat city in a small village, behold there vas a minor prophet prophesying on the Sabbath day at the same hour. He spake not unto a multitude but unto about three score souls and ten. And the peo-ple were not scribes and doctors of the aw but common people. Behold at eventide one of the seventy knelt alone nd prayed, "God be merciful to me, a sinner." Aye another of the common people of the seventy was moved to kneel at the close of the day and lift up ner heart and say, "Bless the Lord, Oh my soul and all that is within me, bless His Holy name."

Did not the greatest of all the prophets say, "By their fruits ye shall know them?"

LAMPLIGHT

Salvation By Grace

BY PERRY J. STACKHOUSE

Like many ministers I have perhaps put an undue emphasis upon salvation by character. Recently I had an experience that drove me back to the Pauline doctrine of salvation by grace.

A few months ago the wife of a man who was dying of cancer of the throat in a Chicago hospital called me on the telephone with the request that I should go immediately to the hospital and baptize her husband. I explained that Baptists practiced immersion and that immersion was not possible in the case of a dying man. I found the woman waiting for me at the hospital. The couple had not been to a church service for many years and had little knowledge of the Christian faith. The man was in a bad way, emaciated, unable to take nourishment except by injection and hardly able to speak. I talked to him of the beauty of the Christian life, the necessity and joy of discipleship, but there was no response in the eyes that looked out of his shrunken face. How could I bring peace to the soul of that trembling man with death knocking at his door? My mind went back to the old evangelistic days when I had dealt with people in dire extremity. I said to him, "do you believe that you are a sinner?" He said "yes". I said, "do you repent of your sins?" He answered "I do". I put another question to him, "Do you believe that Jesus Christ can save you from your sins?" He answered "I do". I said, "I have good news for you" and I quoted the words of Peter to the multitude, of Paul to the jailer and the gospel of John 3:16. Then I had him repeat after me these words and through his tortured throat the broken words came forth, "I am a sinner; I repent of my sins; I take Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour." I said to that dying man, "As a minister of the gospel of Christ I declare that your sins are forgiven you." I shall never forget the look of joy and peace that flashed across his face, and after the funeral his wife told me that he died happy and triumphant.

THE CHURCH MUSIC FESTIVAL WEEK

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School of Sacred Music, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

In our churches we have special weeks of training for the various departments of the church life. There are few churches, however, that have made a place in their church calendars for a week of Church Music Training. No provision has been made by any denominational agency to aid the churches with their music program. As a result, the music in the average church is the weakest link in the church's chain of activity.

Included in this Church Music Training School or Festival should be classes, lectures and round table discussions, relative to methods of conducting the music program; the character and type of music used, and its rendition; the musicians; the music leadership; the choir, its personnel, organization, rehearsal and work; the relation of the pastor and other church leadership to the music program; and the place and purpose of congregational singing.

The schools may be held by the individual church, or may be city or association wide. They will do much to quicken the general church music interest, in addition to the helpful suggestions and general information derived from them. Try it out and see for yourself! Put it in your church calendar for the year. Either have your choir director take the lead in it or secure the services of a visiting musician. The writer hopes to see establishment in the various centers of the states annual Church Music Schools of at least a week's duration, in which every church within reach would be invited to participate and enjoy the benefits to be derived from such a school.

Let us begin now to bring the ideal and standard of our church music up to a higher plane, more in keeping with the other phases of our church program.

It is a mistake for us laymen to pass the buck to the minister. A dozen laymen combining could fill any church and keep it filled every Sunday, minister or no minister.—Roger Babson.

Are Baptist Schools Vital to Our Life Today? And, If So, How Can We Strengthen Them?

In view of the current revival of interest in our denominational schools The United States Baptist sought the opinion of outstanding laymen.

The answers given by men of leadership in national and denominational affairs should encourage those who are leading in the movement to strengthen our Baptist schools. Results of a recent survey by this magazine indicate that Baptists, North and South, are determined to do something about the situation.

Following the survey, this question was addressed to the laymen whose answers are given on this page:

1. Are Baptist Schools Vital To Our Life Today?
2. And, If So, How Can We Strengthen Them?

Senator Josh Lee

OKLAHOMA; Member, First Baptist Church, Norman,

SENATOR JOSH LEE

answers:

My answer to the first question is decidedly yes. We need Baptist colleges, first, because they provide spiritual training which is not available in state schools. They provide a religious atmosphere which is not found in non-sectarian schools. These statements are not to be taken in any way as criticism of our state and non-sectarian schools, but merely statement of fact.

I attended both the State University and the Baptist University. While I found the moral tone and atmosphere in the State University very fine, yet I found in the Baptist University a definite spiritual atmosphere which was not present in the state school. We had a short prayer meeting every morning before the eight o'clock classes. The effect of this prayer meeting spread throughout the student body even to those who did not attend.

There was a concerted interest in attending Sunday School and church meetings. Such meetings were the topic of conversation before and after. This had a very wholesome spiritual effect upon the students, including those who may not have attended.

Second, we need Baptist colleges in order to have trained leadership for our denomination. Where else would we turn for our ministers? A minister in order to be a real leader must not only have a well-developed spiritual life but must also have a working knowledge of the Scripture. He should also have a knowledge of the church history and doctrine. Such preparation can best be made in Baptist colleges.

Then again, Baptist colleges usually develop more sides of the individual than do the larger state schools. Those who are fortunate enough to attend a Baptist college know that the student has the opportunity of developing more than one side of his life; i.e., quite often the same student who is a debater also represents the college glee club, while in a larger sports, and sometimes is a member of the college glee club, w hile in a larger school competition is keener and a student is fortunate if he is able to represent the school in one extra-curricular activity. Hence, the Baptist colleges serve a great need in developing leadership. I believe a close study of the results will reveal that a higher percentage of the students attending small denominational colleges become great leaders than of those attending larger schools.

Then finally, I believe we need the Baptist colleges to serve as a medium of carrying out the Great Commission. The Baptist colleges serve as a rallying ground for training the oncoming generation of religious leaders, and the purpose of these leaders is to spread the religion of Jesus Christ all over the world. We are called Missionary Baptists because we believe Jesus when he tells his followers to go and preach the gospel in all the world. He gave us the yeast germ and expected us to keep it alive and to multiply it.

It is only logical that we have a training ground if we are to spread and expand. The Baptist college serves as this training ground.

Then again, the Baptist college serves to keep our church and doctrines pure and without change. When I was a little boy, I started to build a paling fence. I cut the first paling just the length I wanted it. Then I measured each new paling by the last one cut. When I finished the last paling, it was about a foot longer than the first one. I had gradually and unconsciously gotten a long way from the pattern.

We have here in Washington a Bureau of Standards. One of the purposes of that Bureau of Standards is to keep weights and measures without change from the time they were first established. They keep these original weights and measures in glass cases and they form the standard. By maintaining Baptist colleges where boys and girls are taught from the same text, there is much less likelihood of our gradually slipping away from the original pattern, or the Perfect Example, Jesus of Nazareth.

Now as to the second part of the question, it seems more difficult to answer. I have only this suggestion — that our denomination increase its insistence that its members tithe and that a portion of the church budget be allowed for religious education, and that this income be used to support our Baptist schools.

Raymond C. Hassrick

PHILADELPHIA; President NBC Council Baptist Men,

answers:

In a day when more students are attending American colleges than ever before, there are fewer of these institutions of higher learning under the control of our Christian denominations. This changing situation as to our educational institutions ought to be a challenge to our Christian people to study this situation and to devise, if possible,

eans of continuing the existing col-
s and universities, under Christian
ience.

here is a growing tendency, due per-
s to the economic stress of the last
years, to place institutions under
e direction by virtue of appropria-
s from Legislatures. Even among
colleges and universities identified
a religious denomination the Boards
Trustees are not now wholly denomi-
onal in character. To survive, it has
n considered expedient or necessary
the part of many of these institu-
s to broaden their representation,
s attracting business talent and large
tributions thru representation on
se Boards.

The most expensive course of pro-
ure by the Baptists would be to close
re Baptist colleges and universities.

n the early days of this country vir-
lly all the higher institutions of learn-
were organized, maintained and man-
ed by religious groups. There are mis-
nary opportunities today in institu-
ns thus directed. It would be most
fortunate to permit these colleges and
iversities to pass out of the control
d influence of the Christian denomi-
tions. There is in these institutions
infusion of Christian idealism and
emphasis of the Christian virtues of
ich the church reaps the reward.

The educational institutions of the
ptist and other denominations are at
e cross-roads on this serious problem
the realm of higher educational op-
rtunity.

Annual Meeting

The One Hundred and Eighth Annual
eeting of The American Baptist Home
ission Society will occur simultaneous-
with the meeting of the Northern
aptist Convention in Atlantic City,
ew Jersey, May 21-26, 1940, the pre-
ntation of the Annual Report and the
ection of officers taking place in ses-
ons designated by the Program com-
ittee of the Northern Baptist Con-
ention.

Coe Hayne,
Recording Secretary.

Do It Now

f you have a kind word—say it;
Throbbing hearts soon sink to rest;
f you owe a kindness—pay it,
Life's sun hurries to the west.

Can you do a kind deed—do it,
From despair some soul to save;
Bless each day as you pass through it,
Marching onward to the grave.

—Selected

Sunday School Board Ranks In "Big Business" Circles

Print 24,700,000 Copies of Literature Each Year; Plan Further Expansion

By DR. J. O. WILLIAMS
Nashville, Tenn.; Business Manager

The Sunday School Board is the publishing house for the Southern Baptist Convention. The Board is composed of one member from each of the seventeen Southern states and the District of Columbia, and eighteen local members in Nashville. Dr. T. L. Holcomb is the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

There is an average of 235 employees working in the various phases of the Board's work in Nashville, and about 50 employees of the Sunday School Board working in the various Book Stores in each of the seventeen states represented.

The Sunday School Board does not own its own printing plant. It does own the building, which is rented to Baird-Ward Printing Company, and who has the contract for printing of periodicals for the next ten years. This company also prints our books for Sunday School, Training Union, and Mission Study Courses. The printing of other books, tracts, and general printing is purchased from some of the other good printers in Nashville.

One hundred carloads, totaling near 8 million pounds of paper, are required to print periodicals for the Board annually. The Board receives an average of 300,000 orders annually; mails an average of 845,000 packages; and the postage bill is about $50,000 annually.

620,000 Books Each Year

The Sunday School Board prints an average of 40 individual books each year, with a total numbering around 620,000 copies. These books are divided into five different classes: sermons, general, missionary, Sunday school and Training Union study courses. The books published annually by the Board would give ten copies to every library in the United States, but only one copy to an average of seven Baptists in the United States. About 24,000,000 copies of our Sunday school and Training Union periodicals are distributed annually.

Four Weeklies have an annual circulation of over 4,420,000 copies; 7 Monthlies have an annual circulation of approximately 2,880,000 copies; 7 Training Union quarterlies have an annual circulation of approximately 3,169,000 copies; 14 Uniform Sunday School periodicals have an annual circulation of approximately 11,223,000 copies. The Graded Sunday School literature does not have as wide circulation as the Uniform, with an approximate circulation of 2,000,000 copies annually. The one periodical with the largest circulation is the Uniform Adult Quarterly, with an annual circulation of about 850,000 copies.

Circulation Increase

The increase in circulation of periodicals for the last four years is very pleasing. The one periodical published by the Board with the largest increase is the **B. A. U. Quarterly,** with a circulation of about 135,000—which is a 72 per cent increase in the last four years. The next one to that is the **Sunday School Builder** with a circulation of 26,000—a 44 per cent increase. The next one to that is the **Training Union Magazine** with a circulation of 26,000—an increase of 38 per cent. **The Teacher,** with a circulation of 102,000, has had an increase of 22 per cent in the last four years. The average increase of circulation of our Uniform Sunday School and Training Union periodicals had an approximate 28 per cent increase through the last four years.

Plans for Expansion

The Sunday School Board is closing a Five-Year Promotional Program with 1940. At the same time a program has been outlined for the following four years. It is the purpose to have as basis for its Educational, Promotional, and Evangelistic Program the associations and to have a two-day meeting in each one of the 906 associations for promotion of work through the Sunday School, and another meeting for promotion of the work done through the Baptist Training Union, through 1941.

Understanding the Bible

"What bothers me most about the Bible is the fact that there are so many things in it that I can't understand," said a man to his friend.

"Well, it's different with me," was the friend's reply. "I'm not bothered about those parts that I can't understand—and there are a lot of them. I'm bothered tremendously, though, about the parts that I can understand. Take the Golden Rule. It's so plain and simple that I can't get away from it. It's those parts of the Bible that I'm mostly bothered about. They do not give me a loophole of escape, like the more obscure passages do."

WHAT'S WRONG WITH OUR HOMES TODAY?

Must Bring It Out Of The Rut Of Indifference

Children Reflect Atmosphere Of the Home; We All Need More Recognition

By MABELLE RAE LE GRAND

WHAT'S wrong with our homes? Perhaps it takes a psychiatrist to tell us, but his words sound like plain common sense. Recently the newspaper reported Dr. Everett S. Rademacher of Yale University to have said that to "appreciate what our democracy really does offer . . . we must bring the home out of the rut of indifference."

"One of the most thankless jobs that I know is that of housewife. Practically all husbands feel that this so-called housework is nothing at all and that women have a soft life."

Dr. Rademacher said it was the rare husband who constantly praised his wife's cake baking abilities and the rare wife "who gives praise to the husband for his effort in behalf of the home."

"The point that I would emphasize is that we all want much more recognition . . . even in our homes."

With that, read this paragraph from the Editor of Better Homes and Gardens—

"Slowly but surely we are learning by experience that homes are shrines of life, enjoyed to the full by one generation and handed on to another, to be yet more fully enjoyed. This is what we mean when we say that there is no place like home. Nowhere in this world except in the home is life itself the one essential and absorbing interest."

Now, think of the thousands of names that will appear in the new census as "housewives" or "home-makers". A high calling?

And that is a reminder that children always reflect the atmosphere of a home.

INTERVAL

I had a heartache which I wrapped
In fragrant, fragile lace;
Put it away quite tenderly
And then forgot the place.

The other day, 'twas just a chance
I came upon the thing;
I looked and looked, but strange to say
I could not find the sting.

(Unidentified).

From the Christian Advocate.

One of the saddest things to hear in a family is the disparagement of "Mother." Sometimes Father sets the style by making fun of her gently, or not too gently, and soon the children absorb the attitude of thinking and saying, "Oh, well, that's just Mother's idea!" There have been numerous cases also where Mother disparages herself before the family and that is bad business. Expect attention and respect and you are likely to get it.

Here's a suggestion for a Dessert Luncheon! Also good for a church supper and guaranteed for family dinner. Cherries are good to eat any time of year including February, so try this!

Make a dough as follows:—one half cup sugar and two tablespoons butter creamed together. Add one cup bread flour, one teaspoon baking powder, one eighth teaspoon salt, and one-half cup of milk. Put one-half of the dough in the bottom of a casserole. Drain one can of unsweetened cherries, add one cup sugar, and when well stirred, pour on top of the dough in casserole. Put remaining dough on top and pour over the juice from the canned cherries. (There should be at least a half cup. Add hot water if necessary.) Bake one hour at 350 degrees. Then listen for the eaters to ask for a second dish.

Speaking of homes, note these two clippings from the Baptist Leader.

"The Michigan Baptist, in a recent issue, raised a thought-provoking question. Is home life in America being hindered by the greatly expanded program of the public schools? The children are kept so busy by the schoo some parents complain, that they ha no time left to spend in the home. Pu lic school leaders likely will answer th the school day has been lengthened a a wider variety of activities undertak just because so many homes have fail to discharge their responsibility to t children in them. It appears that pa ents and teachers need to sit down t gether, amicably, and decide what real is best for the child."

"Dr. Robert E. Speer, secretary emer tus of the Presbyterian Board of Foreig Missions, in a recent sermon took occ sion to point out the need for religio in the home. "Christianity began as family affair," Dr. Speer said, "And wa not a professional thing as it is toda Whoever had the largest house had th church. Today, we never think of ou religion in the home and practice it onl in church. We must remember that a the home goes the church goes."

The world is full of trouble alway and each of us has his share but Chaun cey M. Depew said, "No matter ho long you live, there isn't time to worry!

"Keep skid-chains on your tongue always say less than you think. Cult vate a low, persuasive voice. How yo say it often counts far more than wha you say."

Madame Chiang Kai-Shek said t some Chinese women, "Our influence i like the impression the pebble make when thrown in a pond. The water af fected in the beginning is just a smal spot. Gradually the circles of wave enlarge until they cover the pond."

"It has ever been the women of th country, and usually the church women who are sensitive to human need and ready to work for reform. Forty-eight years ago, three outstanding women came together and decided that as long as the women of the country were consumers of the products manufactured under these unfair working conditions, they could do something about the situation. They organized a consumers' league in New York. They started by publishing a "white list" of eight firms which treated their employees well, going on to secure better working conditions through the Mercantile Inspection Act of 1896. The idea spread to other cities and, in 1899, a National Consumers' League emerged with Mrs. Florence Kelly as leader." Found in The Christian Advocate (Methodist).

oy's and Girl's Month . . . By Gloria Young . . .

STARS

I saw a canopy of stars,
Splashed on a velvet sky,
Like crystal beads upon a dress
In sparkling clusters lie.

I read this secret in the night
Upon the moon's pale face;
God uses stars as diamond pins
To hold the sky in place.

—Sybil Leonard Armes.

THE GIFT FOR MISSIONS

Grace Elliot opened the door for another member of the Sunday school class.

"Come in, Margaret," she greeted the new comer. "Have any ideas?"

"Not one," answered Margaret. "This is one time when I can't seem to think of anything. Is the committee all here?"

"All but Gwen, and here she comes," answered Grace as she turned to greet the last member.

"Hello, Margaret," called Martha from the living room. "Come in and give us a bright thought."

The Sunday preceding this committee meeting a returned missionary from China had spoken in the church of which these girls were members and had made a plea for more money to be sent to carry on the mission work. Under the spell of the speaker the girls in the Willing Workers Class had promised $5.00. The girls had given sacrificially from their own funds, and this committee meeting was called to plan a way to provide the rest.

"Oh, we have just done everything I know to do," said Helen, discouragingly. "We've sold sandwiches, taken subscriptions, cleaned houses — —."

"Yes, and nursed babies," finished Martha. All the girls laughed, for when they were making money to apply on their pledges to the church building and, they kept a regular nursery.

"Suppose we see what we have personally that we might sell," suggested Margaret.

"It wouldn't bring much, though," objected Gwen. "At least I'm afraid that it won't."

Grace had been thinking silently for some time.

"I believe that's a good idea, girls," she said. "Let me show you something."

She went to the buffet in the dining room and brought out a smooth, white bowl with beautiful black figures on it.

OUR THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

An optimist is a person with a smile in his heart because he has the ability to see possible success in every probable failure.

"Isn't that pretty!" exclaimed Margaret.

"This is that Chinese bowl that Miss Todd brought me from China several years ago. Some kind old Chinese woman had given it to her when she left. I don't suppose the value of it is very high, but why couldn't we make one of those new table lamps out of it?"

"That's a splendid idea. We could sell a lamp for $10.00 if all the girls would donate the material for the shade and do the work."

"Let's do it!" agreed the other girls, and they began to look through magazines for pictures of lamps that they might copy. Finally one style was decided upon and plans were made in detail.

Each girl in the committee worked hard on her part of the lamp that week, and other groups in the class got to work making salable articles from their own store of personal belongings. One girl donated a small table, another some lettuce green enamel, a third painted the table, while a fourth donated some gay chintz which they tacked around the sides of the table and made a darling little dressing table.

The lamp was perhaps the hardest to make, but after all the parts had been assembled and finished, Grace and Martha were designated by the other three girls to take it to the electric department of a large store in town and have it put together. The man who came to wait on them answered their questions politely, and began to examine the different articles. The bowl was the last to be shown to him. He picked it up, looked at it carefully, turned it over and over and rubbed the inside and out.

The girls began to get impatient, and when he asked to be excused a few minutes, they couldn't imagine why he was causing such a delay.

"Oh, dear," sighed Grace, "maybe he is going to tell us after all that it can't be made into a lamp!"

"I certainly hope not. Here he comes, but who is that with him?"

Before Grace could answer the two men came up.

"This is Mr. Gaston, manager of the antique department, girls," said the man who had waited on them.

"Who owns this bowl—Chinese bowl?" Mr. Gaston inquired.

"I do," said Grace.

"My dear, do you know it is a very valuable porcelain?"

"Why—no-o-o, sir," stammered Grace.

"Yes, it is a perfect old Chinese porcelain. Will you sell it outright to me?"

"I hadn't thought of that, but if you will give me enough I will." She had in mind using it instead of the "lamp" money for the mission collection.

"Would you consider $125.00 fair enough?" smiled Mr. Gaston.

Grace and Martha gasped. They had no idea that the bowl was so dear.

"I'll have to ask my father. May I use this telephone?" asked Grace.

"Yes; and it is quite right for you to consult your father."

After a few minutes conversation with her father Grace asked Mr. Gaston to talk to him.

The manager told Mr. Elliot of the value of the bowl and explained that he was quite anxious to buy it.

"Your father says that it is up to you, my child. It was your property when they did not know it was of value and now, even though you have learned of its increased value, it is still yours."

"All right. I'll sell it then," said Grace.

A few minutes later the two girls walked down the street. Grace was holding her purse tightly for in it was a crisp check for $125.00.

"Martha," said Grace, seriously, "I guess the reason why God multiplied our gifts to missions was because He know we were giving all we had."

THE U. S. STANDARD

THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST is the new name, at your request. It is the standard source of Baptist information. It should be used widely by Pastors, officers, teachers, Sunday School classes, BYPU groups, Mission Societies, homes. It should be in every library and school. Will you help acquaint these groups and institutions with its value?

WILL ILLINOIS YOUTH GIVE OKEH TO DENISON PLAN?

Congress Will Meet In Joliet With Primary Emphasis on Fellowship Idea

Moseley, Beers, Cooper, Jensen and Koehler Featured on Program Titled, "Christ Victorious"

By MARJORIE HALL

Eyes of youth leaders this month are on Illinois, whose annual Baptist Youth Congress will meet in Joliet April 27-28. Fittingly, as this annual Congress has put Illinois far ahead of other states in the matter of cooperation in its young people's work, this year's meeting will make Illinois one of the first states to consider formally the plan proposed by the Denison conference toward the establishment of a Baptist Youth Fellowship. Before the end of 1940 every state in the N B C area is expected to vote on the plan.

Years back Illinois had an annual B Y P U convention like other states. For the past 7 years however there has been talk of making the meeting inclusive of all Baptist youth. For three years the Congress has been a joint function, in theory, at least, of the B Y P U and W W G united in the Baptist Youth Council The Council is made up of 4 representatives of the B Y P U, 2 of the W W G, 2 members at large and the directors of Christian Education both for Chicago and for the state. The Council's one function is planning the Congress.

This year's Congress theme echoes back to Amsterdam: "Christ Victorious" —but is worked out with much originality through great Christian paintings, an idea of L. P. Jensen of Chicago. The first afternoon session **"Christ Our Evangel,"** L. B. Moseley speaking, will center around the picture "Come Unto Me," by Block. Saturday night's session **"Christ Equal to the World's Needs,"** Dr. G. Pitt Beers speaking, uses Flandrin's "Christ Mourns over the City," Sunday morning's **"Christ Proclaimed Through the Church,"** with Dr. Joe Cooper preaching, takes its inspiration from Burnand's "Go Preach." Sunday afternoon brings the emphasis to the individual with a communion service, L. P. Jensen presiding, and L. H. Koehler bringing the message, **"Christ Demands our Best,"** around Hoffman's picture, "Christ and the Rich Young Man."

Saturday's dinner hour will find the delegates assembled in three banquet groups, roughly designated "B Y P U," "W W G and friends," and "Others"—to include young adults, forum groups, Christian Endeavors, and church school workers. At the table delegates from Denison will present the plan for unification. Early in the evening program the action of these groups on the proposed scheme will be referred to the entire body.

Although Illinois' Congress goes further than other states, with the exception of Michigan, toward correlating the thinking of B Y P U and W W G, it is a far, far cry from the ideal of unification of all youth activities in the church as held forth in the Baptist Youth Fellowship plan. Whether or not that ideal will see life, it has a 100-to-1 chance of approval by Illinois Baptist Youth in convention assembled this month.

Introducing You To The Editor of "Youth Month"

Marjorie Hall is a graduate of the University of Illinois. She is president of the Illinois World Wide Guild . . . has held many offices in youth work. Her travels have taken her over most of the United States . . . Montgomery Ward and The Pepsodent Company value her ability as a writer of good advertising copy. Miss Hall says that her consuming interests are: Missions, nature study, golf, speech-making and reading.

A Verse Is a Verse Is a Verse

Interesting is this unofficial sidelight from the bright gleam of the Amsterdam conference. To quote one of the United States delegates:

"Before we went over there we heard a lot about Continental theology—people kept saying we Americans would feel our lack of Bible knowledge compared to the familiarity with Holy Writ that marks European Protestants. We were all the more surprised, then, to find the comparison not so much in their favor after all. While the Europeans could 'outquote' us, we had generally a better understanding of the verses in their context and of the principles of scripture as a whole. Often they interpreted passages without regard to the rest of the chapter or book."

If this is a true general picture, we are surprised, pleased and no end proud of our fellow-Americans! With the best intentions in the world we are always chopping the Bible into little segments, one verse, three verses, possibly a chapter—if it is a short one. Not that we would belittle the teaching device of gathering all remarks on one subject together, but why not sometime read Matthew as a story? Acts as a book? the Pauline epistles as a whole, the way you read the life and letters of many a lesser light?

Baptists there are who have read through Plato's Republic and Homer's Odyssey and not the New Testament. The Old one is lost to most of us. Try this on your favorite Sunday School class. Pick a significant passage from the Old Testament—anywhere except the first chapter of Genesis and the parts of Isaiah we all know—and ask them where it is from. Some won't know whether to credit the passage to Shakespeare, Aristotle or the Koran.

Northern Youth Convoked

Hundreds were attracted to the special youth sessions of the N B C—wide Convocations last month. Toward the end of the Convocation trip, popular Dr. Joseph Cooper of Missouri expressed great delight at the way the 12-to-25 age group at all points visited had turned out in number for their banquet and had stayed through the evening sessions.

Crack

Let us borrow a bon mot from Martin Harvey of New York, a delegate to the Madras conference and to the International Christian Youth Conference at Amsterdam.

Speaking at a youth rally lately, he was making the point that the Christian life is not a bed of ease but, contrariwise, contains enough dynamite, when Christ's living principles are applied, to rock the world. We quote:

"As the little girl said, the Bible doesn't end in Timothy. It ends in Revolutions."

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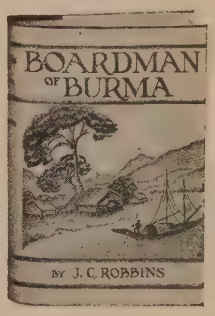
BOARDMAN of BURMA

By

JOSEPH C. ROBBINS



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Over and over and over
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And that Love moves the world along.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

An especially clever little lady whose originality has been an asset to her church and social groups for a long time, was asked to take part in one of those "cut and basted" programs where nothing is left for the individual. She did her part graciously, but confessed to me afterward: "I felt just like Charlie McCarthy!"

A much-quoted statement that will bear still another quote: "The greatest discoveries of the next fifty years will be made, not in radio, nor in aeronautics, nor in power transmission, but along spiritual lines."—Charles Steinmetz.

"If I had your money," said a big-hearted Christian leader to a man who had made a large fortune, "I would spend it for humanity." "No, you would not," replied the millionaire. "If you had my money you would not have your spirit."

Just suppose it were true—which of course it cannot be—that "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he". What would you and I be? What do we think about? Quite a lot about getting something to eat. Quite a lot more about getting money to pay on a car, or to buy gasoline to burn in a car. Quite a lot about hurts and injustices that are past. Quite a lot about things we fear for the future. Not very much about self discipline. Not very much purposeful planning. Not very much quiet meditation. Not very much counting our blessings. What kind of folks would such thoughts as these make? Just about what we are—so it must be true, after all.

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News From San Francisco

By ROBERT A. LUNDY

alvary Church, San Francisco, Rev. C. Bellshaw, pastor, was dedicated ch 3rd—Evangelist and Mrs. J. C. mfield begin a ten-day campaign at ple Baptist, David Youngdahl, pas- on March 5th . . . Rev. F. L. Carr tly spent a week in California in interests of the Missionary Educa- department . . . Dr. A. I. Brown, e lecturer, closed a series of meet- with First Church, S. F., March L. J. Julianel, pastor . . . R. A. dy, Central Church, was named high cillor for state Royal Ambassador pters . . . Twenty-First Avenue, lon Brown, pastor, held annual hers' and Sons' dinner recently . . . lter E. Woodbury, director of evan- sm for the N.B.C. is giving a week he bay area in promoting evangelism . Dr. R. E. Day, Hamilton Square is ducting a pre-Easter series of special nons.

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he financial obligation of Christians o did not make a pledge is just as at as if they had pledged. God ex- ts all to support his work.—B. L. is.

WE NEED THE KINGDOM OF JESUS, Cont.

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hended the full scope of God's saving purposes in Jesus Christ. Nor has any proclaimed it without foreign admixtures. A fuller and purer expression of the evangel is both possible and desirable. When all other departments of life and thought are changing it is impossible for religion to remain uneffected. The Gospel, to have power over an age, must be the highest expression of the moral and religious truths held by that age. To be effective, evangelism must appeal to the motives which powerfully sieze men, and it must hold up a moral standard so high above their actual lives that it will smite them with conviction of sin. If the motives urged seem untrue or remote, or if the standard of life to which they are summoned is practically that on which they are living, the evangelistic call will have little influence. The new evangelism will take into account the vast changes of life and develop the latent and spiritual resources of the Gospel which are needed by the new life.

A New Faith Needed

Every great movement has, as Mezzini points out, a faith of its own. We must beget in our people a new and livelier faith; not that individual faith that creates martyrs, but that social and religious faith which is the parent of victory; that faith that arouses the multitudes; faith in their own destiny, in their own mission in this new age; that faith that combats and prays; that faith that sacrifices and serves; that faith that enlightens and bids men advance fearlessly in the ways of God; that faith which lends to frail humanity a spark of omnipotence enabling him to overleap every obstacle and convert the confusion of today into a victory for tomorrow.

The Greatest Calamity

Of all great calamities, intemperance is the greatest. The drunkard, as much as a maniac, requires restrictive measures to save him from the fatal infatuation under which he is destroying his health and morals, his family and his usefulness to society.—Thos. E. Jefferson.

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Personalities of the Old Testament. By Fleming James. Scribners. 1939. Pp. 632. $3.00.

The wealth of personalities, historical events, literature of specific literary and spiritual significance have to a large extent obscured the mighty personalities of the Old Testament. The book constitutes The Hale Lectures at Yale in 1938. The author is professor of the Literature and Interpretation of the Old Testament in the Berkeley Divinity School, affiliated with Yale University Divinity School.

In the preface, written by Julius A. Brewer, we read ". . . we may read the prophets, especially the great ones, and be carried away with admiration for their moral and spiritual grandeur, their intellectual greatness and literary and oratorical power, and yet miss the essential significance of these spokesmen of God".

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The great personalities Moses, Joshua, Deborah, Gideon, Samuel, Saul, David, Solomon, Elijah, Elisha, The Yahwist, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, The Deuteronomists, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Second Isaiah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, The Priestly Writers, Nehemiah, Ezra, The Chronicler, The Wise Men of the Proverbs, The Writer of the Book of Job, Qoheleth: The Preacher, The Writer of the Book of Daniel are made to live. A world of information is given in each chapter. Surely he who would understand the Old Testament as a book with great meaning for to-day would do well to study this treatment of great Personalities. A chronology is given. A note on the conquest of Canaan and a rich bibliography and maps are offered. Old Testament passages are indexed as are names and subjects. This is one of the two best books on the Old Testament I have read in two decades.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

The Christian Alternative To World Chaos. By Luman J. Shafer. Round Table Press. 1940. Pp. 208. $2.00.

Rev. Luman J. Shafer is Chairman of the Committee on International Relations of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America and Secretary of its Committee on East Asia. He is a graduate of Rutgers and of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary. For twenty years plus he was in educational missionary work in Japan.

The book faces frankly and boldly the problem and, the author thinks, the inevitable necessity of substituting international government and order for international anarchy and war.

"Christians believe that the world is not in the hands of inexorable fate, but is under the governance of a loving God." People want peace. Statesmen want peace, BUT as if by inexorable fate the world is bedeviled with war and preparations for war.

What the world must have, if Christian idealism is to prevail, is an implementing of that idealism. There must be a world organization to match the Christian principles. That world organization must be a federation of national-states. . . A federation in which individual national-states will surrender certain freedoms and rights which are necessary to create a world organization that will protect the remaining freedoms and rights which these national-states enjoy. The most pernicious world-wide immorality today is intense nationalism of these national-states, so narrow, so limited, so limiting of human loyalties that tensions become factors in the apparent fate which keeps driving men who have no enmity toward each other to each other's throats. Such national-state immorality creates the international tinder boxes and produces the fire-works that no one wants.

The author takes the position that the kind of federation of national-states is the only way out. That is the alternative to world chaos.

Here is the stunning challenge of the book: "The comparative ineffectiveness of Christianity in averting the catastrophe which modern civilization confronts in its world organization is to be laid at the door of Christian Churches that have produced countless individual Christians who think, and in a measure act, individually as Christians but who are thorough-going pagans in their social and international thinking". Every minister will get one or more really great, constructive, inspiring hopeful messages out of this book. But beware of merely preaching the Kingdom of God on the earth. Action, implementation, organization on a world basis is our choice unless we prefer international anarchy. Oxford, Edinburgh, and Madras point the way.

The Great Tradition. By Frances Parkinson Keyes. Julian Messner, Inc. 1939. Pp. 477. $2.50.

A significant historical novel, presenting a story beautifully told, a very clear delineation of characters, and based upon what happened in Germany and Spain since the first world war. I used in brief form in a sermon the idea developed in this book, showing the difficulty and implications of breaking the grip of the past on one's life when it is certain that the grip must be broken and when the necessity of facing a new way of life is inescapable. I commend it for the character delineation, the lovely story the information it gives, and for the subtle effects of the great issue actually involved of changing front between two great social ideologies and systems. It was for me a gripping book.

Revolutionary Christianity. By Sherwood Eddy. Willett, Clark, and Co. 1939. Pp. 229. $2.00.

"You cannot be a Christian without being a revolutionary", Dr. Eddy affirms. Christianity goes to the roots of things. It is a revolutionary religion. It opposes evil, seeks out its sources, and attacks it where it is.

Dr. Eddy thinks that the greatest source of evil in the modern world is in the economic system. It is anti-Christian, causes wars, makes liars and cheats out of men who would like to

honest. It presents the great wall nst which the forces for liberty, y, brotherhood have to hurl them- s. Dr. Eddy says that Jesus was d not because he preached purity love, but because he attacked the , wrongs, injustices, exploitation of day. The powers that were regarded as a "radical", to use the word in popular social sense.

ltimately the ideals of the kingdom od and earthly potentates come into lict and **because** one fares well on paganda, abuse of power, advantage privilege while the other is an open ny of such unrighteousness.

r. Eddy treats his subject in ten pters: What Is Christianity? The ginal Sources, The Apocalyptic ment in the New Testament, The gdom of God, The Meaning of ist, Bipolar Religion: Personal and ial, Evolution or Revolution, The sent World Situation, Christianity the Modern World, and Religion in evolutionary Age.

n explicit example given by Dr. Eddy he conflict between the forces making the kingdom of God on the earth l forces that frustrate the efforts to ng in that kingdom is in regard to scism. He says fascism is "incom- ible with autonomous Christianity. e individual who has renounced all must now obey, not God or his individual conscience, but this collective sovereign will to power. The leader as superman must exterminate or exclude all extraneous elements from this superstate, and is destined in the end to conquer the earth". Based upon this philosophy the nazi movement is founded upon five half-truths: superior racialism, exclusive nationalism, an aggressive militarism, a Megalomaniac imperialism, and an anti-Christian paganism.

Dr. Eddy having discussed in detail the three ways out for the world: brute force (communism and fascism), capitalism, and the Christian way, on page 227 states the following: "Now if we are true followers of Christ, realistic, revolutionary Christians, if spiritually, socially and economically we are twice-born men, WE HAVE THE WAY!" The last sentence in the book is this: "But the last word, and the first, for every believer in the God and Father of Jesus is this: Repent, for the Kingdom of God IS AT HAND".

Gilbert's Manual for Choir-Loft and Pulpit. Compiled by Harry Gilbert. Scribner's Sons, 1939. Pp. 197. $2.75.

Nineteen years as organist and choirmaster in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, provide a professional background for this book. This book is a listing of choir music, solos, duets, trios, quartets, classified as to subject, titles, authors. Biblical passages, paraphrases, and parallels are given.

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At the mid-year meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Institute for Christian Workers, Philadelphia, Pa., Dr. L. Clayton Kitchen was granted a leave of absence until September 1, 1940, due to illness. Miss Lucinda M. Johnson, Dean, was appointed acting head of the school in Dr. Kitchen's absence, to be assisted by Miss Myra Whittaker.

A Social Cancer

The liquor traffic is a cancer in society, eating out its vitals and threatening destruction and all attempts to regulate it will prove futile. There must be no attempts to regulate the cancer. It must be eradicated—not a root must be left behind—for until this is done, all classes must continue in danger of becoming victims of strong drink. — Abraham Lincoln.

THE MILKMAN SPEAKS

By VERNIE W. REED

I have not been able to go to church on Sunday morning for two years. Of course, I must go past your house every Sunday anyhow, so not leaving your quart of milk that day would not help much.

But I am sure it would help if all churchgoers followed the plan of getting their supply of milk the day before. And with other things as well as milk. My brother-in-law works in a grocery, and he says they might persuade the management to close up Sundays—if the churchgoers did not stop on their way home from church for extra milk, or articles for the Sunday dinner.

My wife tells me the same about the drugstore near the church. The owner used to work there as a pharmacist, and then he sang in the choir. But now that he owns the place, he thinks he must stay there himself Sunday mornings. Why do people suppose that anyone in need of a quick dose of medicine could not find the druggist if he were in church? But I guess he does not make much money on Sunday prescriptions anyhow.

My wife insists on having the Sunday paper left the night before. We do not miss much news getting this early edition. I am told that the features are ready as early as the Wednesday before. My wife worries about the boys who must rise so early to deliver their papers that they go back to bed, instead of at-

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tending any religious service that would give them some moral and spiritual help for the life before them.

Then there are the filling stations. There is one in our neighborhood, on a main highway, but surrounded by a Seventh Day sect. Would you believe it, that station actually is closed all day Saturday every week! There is a sign right on the door, "This station is closed today."

They do plenty of business the other days, and there is no evidence that they are losing any money. If anybody really needs gasoline, who does not belong to the Seventh Day group, there is another station just five blocks away on the next through street. It is operated by a church member, but he keeps it open on Sunday.

I wonder why those two dealers do not get together, and by one giving the other his trade for one day, each could have the full pleasure of his own Sabbath. Milkmen might not be able to do the same, but earnest Christian people with a social vision could probably find many ways to lighten Sunday labor for their own and other people by putting some thought to the matter of their own Sunday needs and practices.

My wife says that Jeremiah, before the fall of Jerusalem, even argued that Sabbath observance would save the city from destruction. We have made a lot of progress since his time, in material things, and in religion, too. Perhaps someone — a statesman, maybe, who would use as much energy in saving the Sabbath as a means of protecting the city as is used in any of a number of devices that are being worked out, against gangsters, or air raids, or disease germs—may solve this problem.

But I must hurry. I will be glad to have your extra milk ready Saturday, thank you!

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